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SUBJECT: IMCO CONFERENCE ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND
WATCHKEEPING

1. SEAGOING SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF
DECK OFFICERS THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS CHANGED FROM
"ADEQUATE" TO A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF TWELVE MONTHS.
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR ENGINEER OFFICER CERTIFICATION
CONTINUES TO READ "ADEQUATE." BOTH EXPECTED TO REMAIN
UNCHANGED INTO FINAL CONVENTION TEXT.

2. MANDATORY TWELVE MONTH MINIMUM FOR DECK CADETS MAY
PRESENT SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM TO STATE ACADEMIES IN VIEW
OF OPERATING COST OF SCHOOLSHIPS AS WELL AS ACADEMIC
SCHEDULING, AND PROBLEM FOR KINGS POINT, PARTICULARLY
FOR DUAL LICENSE PROGRAM.

3. SOME RELIEF MAY BE AVAILABLE IN CONVENTION ARTICLE
IX ON EQUIVALENTS BUT TEXT STILL NOT FINAL.

4. TEXT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS: HAVE
APPROVED SEA-GOING SERVICE IN THE DECK DEPARTMENT OF NOT
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LESS THAN THREE YEARS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST SIX
MONTHS OF BRIDGE WATCHKEEPING DUTIES UNDER THE SUPER-
VISION OF A QUALIFIED OFFICER. HOWEVER, AN ADMINIS-
TRATION MAY AT ITS DISCRETION ALLOW THE SUBSTITUTION OF
A PERIOD OF SPECIAL TRAINING FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS
OF THIS APPROVED SEA-GOING SERVICE, PROVIDED THE
ADMINISTRATION IS SATISFIED THAT SUCH TRAINING IS AT

LEAST EQUIVALENT IN VALUE TO THE PERIOD OF SEA-GOING SERVICE IT REPLACES.

5. TEXT OF ARTICLE IX EQUIVALENTS IS: (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONVENTION SHALL NOT PREVENT AN ADMINISTRATION FROM RETAINING OR ADOPTING OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SCHEMES INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING SEA-GOING SERVICE AND SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION ESPECIALLY ADAPTED TO TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SPECIAL TYPES OF SHIPS AND TRADES, PROVIDED THAT THE LEVEL OF SEA-GOING SERVICE, KNOWLEDGE AND EFFICIENCY AS REGARDS NAVIGATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HANDLING OF SHIP AND CARGO ENSURES A DEGREE OF SAFETY AT SEA AND PREVENTIVE EFFECT AS REGARDS POLLUTION, AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CONVENTION. (2) SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHALL CIRCULATE SUCH PARTICULARS TO ALL PARTIES.

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